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REMARKS

Discussion of Claims Rejected Under U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dimond (WO 2001/00519). To advance prosecution, Claim 13 has been canceled without prejudice.

Discussion of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's finding of Claims 1-12 as allowable, and respectfully requests their allowance.

Conclusion

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

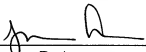
Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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